

# Active Growth Fund

## Portfolio Investment Entity

### Monthly Fact Sheet as at 29 February 2024



## Portfolio Managers



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Portfolio Manager



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The Fund returned 1.6% in February, again led by strong share market performance in the US (+5.2%). New Zealand shares were the laggard, delivering -1.1%, while Australian shares were flat. Global bonds were also weaker, driven by an increase in US interest rates following stronger economic data, but also higher inflation numbers, during the month.

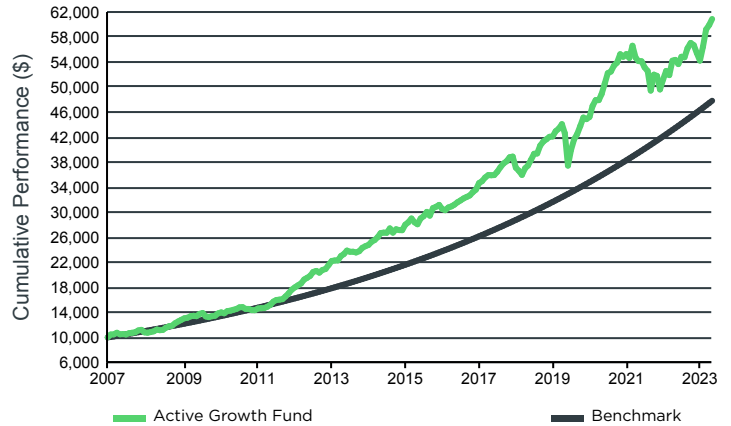
Positive contributors to Fund performance were software company Meta (+25.8%), ridesharing company Uber Technologies (21.8%), building materials company CRH (+17.5%) and asset manager GQG (+18.7%). Meta performed well following solid fourth quarter earnings, outlining that its “year of efficiency” has left the company in much better shape and allowed the initiation of a quarterly dividend, which was well received by the market. Uber performed well following an investor day that outlined greater growth potential and higher free cash flow targets, while CRH rose on FY23 results that beat expectations, and FY24 guidance ahead of consensus. GQG benefited from fund flows and strong intra-month performance given large exposures to AI beneficiaries that were again strong in February.

The outlook for markets is mixed; growth in the US is very strong and indicators suggest that this can continue in coming months. However, the upside inflation surprise in February took the market by surprise, which poses the risk of higher rates for longer. The other headwind for markets is the starting point of higher company valuations in response to investor enthusiasm. Regardless of the economic backdrop, the Milford team continues to identify attractively valued, high-quality businesses with strong management teams that should deliver solid risk-adjusted returns over the medium term.

To view Milford’s February 2024 Market and Economic Review please see [milfordasset.com/insights](https://milfordasset.com/insights).

For previous fund reports see [milfordasset.com/fund-reports](https://milfordasset.com/fund-reports).

## Cumulative Fund Performance (after fees and before tax)



Assumes the growth of \$10,000 invested at the Fund’s inception date.

## Key Fund Facts

<b>Objective<sup>1</sup></b>	To provide annual returns of 10% over the minimum recommended investment timeframe
<b>Description</b>	Diversified fund that primarily invests in equities, with a moderate allocation to fixed interest securities

<b>Minimum recommended investment timeframe</b>	7 years +
<b>Target Allocation</b>	22% Income Assets / 78% Growth Assets
<b>Neutral FX Exposure</b>	16.0%
<b>Net Asset Value (NAV)</b>	\$3,220.2 M
<b>Buy-sell Spread</b>	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)
<b>Inception Date</b>	1 October 2007
<b>Benchmark</b>	10% p.a.
<b>Base Fund Fee<sup>2</sup></b>	1.05%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	15% of the Fund’s returns above the Benchmark <sup>1</sup> , subject to the high watermark.
<b>Total Fund Fees<sup>3</sup></b>	1.20% (includes an est. performance fee)

	Lower risk					Higher risk	
<b>Risk Indicator</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Potentially lower returns					Potentially higher returns	

## External Ratings



The Milford Active Growth Fund has a Morningstar Medalist Rating™ of ‘Silver’ as of 06-09-2023

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### Investment Performance after fees as at 29 February 2024<sup>4</sup>

Unit Price: \$5.6273

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Active Growth Fund (Gross Of Tax)	1.60%	7.88%	12.03%	7.58%	10.20%	11.63%
After Tax 10.50%	1.55%	7.70%	11.53%	7.35%	9.91%	11.16%
After Tax 17.50%	1.52%	7.59%	11.21%	7.20%	9.71%	10.96%
After Tax 28.00%	1.47%	7.41%	10.72%	6.97%	9.42%	10.57%
Benchmark	0.76%	2.40%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%

### Top Equity Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
Contact Energy	2.44%
Shell	2.23%
HCA Holdings	2.07%
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	1.82%
CRH	1.80%
Pultegroup	1.75%
Elevance Health	1.75%
Spark	1.70%
JPMorgan	1.68%
Microsoft	1.64%

### Current Asset Allocation

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash #	4.30%	6%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	2.46%	2%
International Fixed Interest	21.98%	14.0%
New Zealand Equities	10.88%	12%
Australian Equities	16.62%	18%
International Equities	43.61%	48%
Other	0.15%	0.0%

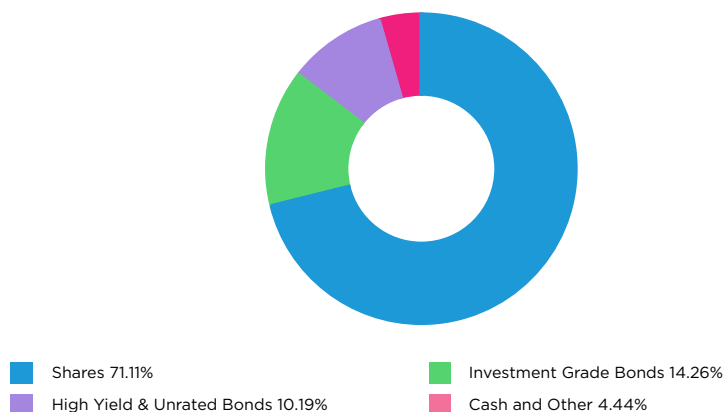
# The actual cash held by the Fund is 7.63%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

### Top Fixed Interest Holdings

Holdings	% of Fund
NatWest 5.125% Perpetual	1.49%
Scentre Group 5.125% 2080	0.94%
Westpac 7.199% 2038	0.85%
AT&T 2.875% Perpetual	0.75%
ING Groep 4.25% Perpetual	0.64%
ANZ 6.405% 2034	0.63%
Lloyds Bank 8.5% Perpetual	0.60%
ANZ 5.888% 2034	0.57%
BNZ 5.87% 2028	0.57%
Woolworths 2.8% 2030	0.55%

Note: Fixed interest securities are reported in the following format: Issuer name, interest (coupon rate), maturity year.

### Fund Portfolio Mix



1. After the Base Fund Fee but before tax and before the performance fee. 2. Where applicable, the Base Fund Fee includes an estimate of non-related underlying fund charges. 3. The Total Fund Fees comprise the Base Fund Fee and any estimated Performance Fee. Please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement for more information as to how these are calculated. 4. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

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